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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill (AB) 243 amends the comprehensive planning statutes to delay the implementation of the consistency requirement for local governments, if the local government meets certain requirements. Under the current law's consistency requirement, if a city, village, town, or county engages in zoning, subdivision regulations, or official mapping, those actions must be consistent with that local government's comprehensive plan beginning on January 1, 2010.

AB 243 delays the requirement of consistency between comprehensive plans and certain land use regulations until January 1, 2012, if the local governmental unit has not enacted a comprehensive plan before January 1, 2010; has adopted a resolution committing it to enact a comprehensive plan that will be effective on or before January 1, 2012; and has applied for but not received a comprehensive planning grant from DOA, or has decided not to apply for a grant.

An estimated 1400 counties and municipalities have either adopted plans or are developing plans. The Department estimates that 80% of municipalities and 90% of counties that exercise the relevant land use regulations have either adopted a comprehensive plan or are currently developing one. Delaying the consistency requirement could assist the remaining local governments that exercise the relevant land use regulations to meet the requirements of the Comprehensive Planning Law. The Department has received 841 adopted plans from local governments and 430 local governments are currently developing plans with grants from DOA. Based on self reported information in a 2007 study conducted by the Department, an estimated 130 local governments are developing plans without any state grants.

AB 243 will not have a fiscal effect on the Department of Administration Comprehensive Planning Grant Program. The Department will continue to administer grants for communities developing comprehensive plans for the first time and anticipates that local governmental units that adopted comprehensive plans within the last 10 years will apply for planning grants to update their local plans as required by current law. In prior years, comprehensive planning grants were awarded as follows: 2000 – grants to 55 local governments; 2001 – to 117 local governments; 2002 – to 159 local governments; 2003 – to 206 local governments; and 2004 – to 96 local governments.

The fiscal effect on local governments of AB 243 is indeterminate. Under this legislation, if a local government accepts a grant, the consistency requirement delay would not apply. Because of this, local communities may be discouraged from applying for a grant in FY10 and FY11. A grant may provide more than 50% of a local government's planning costs. If a community does not accept a grant, their planning costs will increase. DOA estimates that there are approximately 250 local governments that exercise the relevant land use regulations and have not started planning and could potentially be included in this category.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications